

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

St. Gabriel Archangel

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

Please call St. John's Rectory office.

Marriage

Please contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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February 15, 2015 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 22

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Debbie Morovits, & Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Mary Osterhaus

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Mitchell & Gracie Colson
Kori & Karly Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Ellie Mara & Aaron Neisius
Caitlin Pattison & Chase Fisher

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Arlene Willms

Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe

USHERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Russell Eulgem, Richard Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Cory Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius, Ashley Linder



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 22

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm (Diane Steger)

Sunday 10:00 am Donna Steiner, Doris Krogman & Windy Mezera

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Garrett Young & Thomas Mara
Nick & Jenna Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Nicholas & Zachary Mara
Zachary Swiggum & Jon Dyer

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

USHERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe & Dan Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve or Sarah Holler, Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Patrick or Tammy Nolan

WEEKEND MASSES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE MASS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES KNOWN TO THE USHERS AND SIT NEAR THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!



Tuesday, February 17	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Bob Matejka
<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>			
Wednesday, February 18	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Mick Klema
	12:10 pm	St. John's Church (Ash Wednesday Service)	
	3:30 pm	Prairie Maison (Ash Wednesday Service)	
	7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Gene Ackerman
Thursday, February 19	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Cathy Vondrum
Friday, February 20	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Bill Betzle
Saturday, February 21	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Dale Boldt
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, February 22	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	William & Edith McGrath
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	V. J. Bohnenkamp

Will You Be Feasting this Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. While the first thought of Lent may be “giving up” candy or desserts, Lent is a time of fasting and it is a joyous season of feasting.

During the solemn days of Lent we focus on Jesus, who spent forty days in the desert fasting and praying. In order to die a little more to our personal selfishness and sinful attitudes and rise to new life in Christ on Easter morning, we enter into the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving

Prayer is an essential element of our Christian life and so Lent is a fitting time of year for growth in prayer – to deepen our friendship with Jesus. Spending quiet time to read and ponder a Bible passage will allow opportunities to encounter Christ. A good place to start is the upcoming Sunday Gospel, as each of the six Sunday Gospel’s are specifically chosen for Lent. Reading the Gospel passage ahead of time provides the opportunity to soak in the message and gain more understanding. The Mass Readings for each Sunday, as well as every day, can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings> The Stations of the Cross are also an appropriate prayer during Lent, as it calls for pondering the 14 “Stations” which commemorate the Lord’s journey to death and burial.

Fasting is a form of self-denial but also a way of drawing closer to God. Our lives have become so busy and cluttered that God gets less and less of our time. Through prayer and denying ourselves some things, our hearts are freer to make more room for God because we become less dependent on material things and less attached to the satisfaction they bring. The Church encourages abstaining from meat on all Fridays of the year in honor of our Lord’s death, but Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. We can offer these sacrifices to God for someone who is suffering.

Almsgiving is another form of self-denial, that of sharing what we have with the poor. In addition to giving money, food, or clothing to an individual in need, let us give some of our time to be with another person for a simple conversation, such as an elderly woman in a nursing home, or a retired man who lives alone and has no family in the area.

As was mentioned, Lent is a time to fast from certain things; but it is also a time to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- Fast from words that wound; feast on phrases that uplift.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust in God’s plan.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on prayer.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope in God.
- Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

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We will want to plan a personal Lenten routine ahead of time so that we are ready to begin on Ash Wednesday. Making a good Lent will prepare us to celebrate the greatest events in Christ’s life – His suffering, violent death on the cross and Resurrection from the dead – that frees us from the slavery of sin. This season of grace will also bring healing, renewal, and reconciliation in our lives.

(The above is from the Diocese of La Crosse
Office of Catechesis and Evangelization)

Prayer Corner

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Steve Moris, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Alben Sutton, Patricia McCoy, Bernie O’Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Jason Bierman, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller Tracy Pedretti, Bob Burr, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll and Gene Kirschbaum.

If you have a special intention or loved one who is in need of prayers; please let us know so we can include them.

Holy Name Raffle Winners for February, 2015:

\$10.00 winners: Dan Brandes, Ferryville; Weber Chiropractic, PdC; Collins Greene, PdC; Betty Fischer, PdC; Lindsey Morris, Dubuque.

\$25.00 winners: Jeff Kussmaul, PdC; Cora Mohr, Sullivan, WI

\$100.00 winner: Tami Dillard, PdC

The Swiss Steak Money Barrel Winners: Joan Howe & Rosemary Novey (\$75.00 each)

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for February 8	\$8,178.00	\$7,744.10
Plate for February 8	463.29	488.26
Heat & Utilities	<u>125.00</u>	<u>172.00</u>
Total	\$8,766.29	\$8,404.36

The second collection came to \$506.75 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Bingo winners for Monday, February 9th will be in next week's bulletin.

Bingo Workers for Monday, February 16th:

Check Writer: Sarah Holler; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman and Ruth Klang; **Caller:** Michael Higgins; **Food Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers** will be notified.

If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and would like to attend a celebration at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse with Bishop William Callahan on June 14th please inform your rectory office so we can forward your name & address to the Diocese. Thank you.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mary Ellen McNamara** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Wednesday, February 11th. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass at 8:15 am at St. Gabriel's
Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's at 12:10 pm
Ash Wednesday Service at Prairie Maison at 3:30 pm
Mass at 7:00 pm at St. John's

The JWalkers would like to invite ALL High School students and their families to a special day of Skiing on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Mt. LaCrosse. We have a special group rate and will be leaving St. John's School parking lot at 11:30 am. If interested please contact Mary Stoeffler at 326-0033 to get forms & details. Please join the JWalkers for a day of fun and see what we are all about.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will list a few names and run them for a few weeks and then list more names. Anthony Bakken, JoAnn Blodgett, Art & Carolyn Conley, Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Nancy DuCharme, Henry & Connie Esser, Margaret Fischer, Delores Fischer, Elaine Gillitzer, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Edward Linder, Cletus Mezera, Elaine Moris, David & Karen Nelson, Marilyn Ocnosak, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, Don & Charlene Roh, Wilbur Rupp, Mary Rupp, Vicki Taylor, Thomas Whetston.

CONFESSIONS

St. Gabriel's 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday
St. John's 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on Saturday

No scheduled confessions on days with weddings or funerals.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, February 15

Monday, February 16

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School Hall

Tuesday, February 17

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

8:15 am All School Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

12:10 pm Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's

3:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Mass at St. John's

Thursday, February 19

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

1:00 pm Benediction

7:00 pm Parish Council meeting at St. John's School

Sunday, February 22

This weekend Food Pantry Collection - containers in the back of the churches

Our Car & Cash Raffle is now underway.

For only \$20.00 or 6 tickets for \$100.00 you will have a chance to win a 2013 Ford Focus Hatchback program car. Other prizes include: First Place Prize - \$2,000.00; Second Place Prize - \$500.00 or 10 - 3rd place prizes at \$250.00 each. Tickets are available at both rectories and at Prairie Catholic School Office, Peoples State Bank, Piggly Wiggly, Kussmaul Ins. & Prairie View Ins.

The Box Tops deadline is February 28th.....Please turn in your .10 cent labels to Prairie Catholic School as the deadline is fast approaching. Thank you to all who save these.

Join with fellow parishioners in a Lenten study of Father Walter Cizek's spiritual autobiography, *He Ledeth Me*. Father Cizek was accused by the Soviets of being a Vatican spy and spent 23 years in Soviet gulag. He describes how a deepening prayer life enabled him to overcome the fear, isolation and despair of his imprisonment years. Deacon Mark Miller will lead the discussion on Tuesday evening during Lent starting on February 24th. The sessions will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held on the first floor of St. John's School. Books are \$12.00 and can be picked up after February 17 at the parish office.

Thank you to all who purchased and to all who helped sell our Lottery Calendars. The profit this year was \$12,000.00 and will be used for school expenses. Also the profit from our recent Prairie Catholic Schools Week "Burgers & Fries" supper was \$1,637.00. Again thanks to all who attended and to our cooking crew.